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**HOW MRS. BURRUSS DECEIVED ALL**

The Story of Assault Arranged to Hide the Fact That She Used Her Husband's Money.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., March 7.—On Monday morning of February 25th Mr. Nelson L. Burruss, of Thornburg, in this county, went to mill, leaving his wife alone. On his return he found his wife apparently in an unconscious condition. She soon rallied, however, and told Mr. Burruss that a man with rabbit skins on his hands and face, so as to disguise himself, forced an entrance into the dining-room, and then into her chamber, where she was about her household duties. Mrs. Burruss then said he assaulted her, and she fainted from excitement.

When she became conscious, she says the man had a hatchet, with which he cut her hair, and she was left with her hair cut, consisting of a \$30 gold coin, a \$20 gold certificate and the balance in smaller change. She says she tried to run the man away when she regained consciousness, when he made for her with a knife, which she knocked out of his hand. The man then left, going first on his heels and then on tip-toes, so as not to be tracked. Mrs. Burruss claimed to remember what kind of suit, shoes and hat her assailant had on, but she could not tell whether he was white or colored.

Sheriff T. A. Harris and Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves were apprised of the alleged assault, went to the place, and reported the above on the night of the 28th, and thought there had been a chain of circumstances which might lead to the arrest of some suspicious parties, but all these were able to prove an alibi by responsible people.

A \$20 bill was found on the floor and also the old knife on the return of Mr. Burruss.

On the 3d instant, it being court day here, it was generally rumored that Mrs. Burruss had not been assaulted, but that \$20 were gone, and that there was a good deal of crookedness connected with the affair. On the 4th instant Mr. Burruss came here and told the sheriff that he had been deceived by his wife, and cried like a child.

He said he had been living in a hell for the last week.

Sheriff Harris and Commonwealth's Attorney Graves made a thorough investigation yesterday before Justice Carroll Goodlow and the Justice, after a thorough and rigid examination of the man, witnesses, came to the conclusion that beyond the possibility of a doubt, Mrs. Burruss had used her husband's money, and fearing that he would cause her for so doing, artfully laid the criminal plan for purposes of deception, which plan was so successful, on her part, that she carried out as to deceive not only her husband and neighbors, but the officials of the law.

This affair, which promised such sensational developments, has happily resulted, by means of a thorough investigation in the absolute vindication of the individual to whom Mrs. Burruss directed suspicion, and at the same time has been the means of removing from this county the stigma of so base a crime.

"uzzles the Authorities."

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 7.—An investigation of the Burruss case in this county, about which there were so many sensational reports, disclosed the fact that Mrs. Burruss took the sixty-three dollars herself and gave a large part of it to a relative who connived with her to put out the assault and robbery story.

It is a most remarkable case and the authorities are puzzled as to how to manage it.

**THREE FOR SAME CRIME.**

Another Added to the List in Portsmouth Jail for Criminal Assault.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, Va., March 7.—Josephine Davenport (colored), fourteen years old, was held on the charge of robbing Sewell's Point just after nightfall to-night by Walter Brown (colored), twenty years old, who tried to assault her. Brown was detected in the act, arrested and committed to the Portsmouth Jail, where two other colored men accused of the same crime lie.

One of them, Nell Stankab, has been sentenced to hang next Wednesday.

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**RIVER DIVERSION AT PETERSBURG**

Will Make a Strong Effort to Get it in Appropriation Bill.

CONCURRED IN LAST YEAR

Seventy-Two Conversions as Result of Revival

Services at West-Street Methodist Church—Hill Camp Elects Delegates.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, Va., March 7.—There is some disappointment at the fact that the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress did not incorporate in their report the bill providing for the improvement of Appomattox River. Congressman Lassiter, from this district, assisted by Senator Martin, worked faithfully in the interest of the appropriation. And a prominent member of the committee was secured to make a motion that the bill for the improvement of Appomattox River be included in the rivers and harbors bill. This motion was not carried, however. This fact in no way means that the Appomattox bill will be lost at this session of Congress. At the last session the bill was not incorporated by the Rivers and Harbors Committee, but was put in by the Senate and concurred in by the House, and would have passed but for the entire rivers and harbors bill being rejected.

**CONFIDENTIAL SUCCESS.**

Those in charge of the matter are fully confident that this Congress will make the appropriation asked for in the first of Appomattox River. It means the bill will be passed, and every citizen now begins to realize this fact and every one who can is co-operating with the local committee in the interest of the bill.

Robert J. Marks of this city, left Petersburg yesterday for New York, and will sail from that city Sunday for Havana, Cuba, to visit his daughter, Miss Jennie Marks, who is one of the principal pupils at the recently opened school of Havana. This is Miss Marks' second year as teacher in the school. Mrs. Marks expects to return to Virginia about the middle of next May.

**MANY CONVERSIONS.**

The revival services which have been in progress at West-Street Methodist Church for the past four weeks have closed. There were seventy-two conversions, and thirty-one persons have already joined the church, twenty-two of whom are young men. Another large class will become members of West-Street Methodist Sunday. This is Mr. Guyer's fourth year as pastor of this church and is one of the most successful years of his ministry. He is beloved by all denominations in Petersburg and there is but one regret, and that is that he cannot return to this church.

Mr. Robert Farley and Miss Cora Vaden were married in Blandford last evening. A. F. Hill Camp, Confederate Veterans, has elected a new president, John R. Turner, H. C. Roper, W. B. Ritchie, Simon Seward, W. T. Parham, General Stith Bolling, George W. Tucker, R. B. Davis and Dr. E. C. Garrett, who has been visiting her cousin, Mr. T. E. Garrett, in Petersburg, has returned to her home in Leesburg.

Mr. T. Titmus, who has been employed as watchmaker for the past nine years by Buchanan Bros., has tendered his resignation and will engage in business for himself.

Mr. Leroy Weber, who was recently operated on in Newport News for appendicitis, is now in Petersburg, and is rapidly recovering.

Jeffries (colored) has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by the Nottoway County Court for house-breaking. Jeffries was arrested in Petersburg last Wednesday for breaking into the house of Mrs. Ida M. Eanes, in Nottoway county.

Before the Epworth League of High-Street Church to-night Rev. George E. Booker delivered the first of a series of lectures on "Methodism." A musical programme, consisting of duets and quartettes, and a solo by Prof. Watson, was rendered.

**PRETTY WEDDING.**

Mr. Matthison, of Hartford, Connecticut, Weds Virginia Girl.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

KEYSVILLE, Va., March 7.—A pretty though quiet wedding was solemnized this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Davis on Jefferson Street, when her daughter, Lottie, became the wife of Mr. Matthison, of Hartford, Conn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Harvey, of the M. E. Church.

The bride wore a handsome tall-made going-away gown of brown cloth with hat and gloves to match, and carried a large bouquet of roses. The bridesmaids were Misses Grace Morton, of Danville, Va., and Margaret Spencer, of Abilene, Va., were becomingly attired and carried white hydrangeas and carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthison left on the Washington and Annapolis limited for the capital, after which they will make their home in Hartford, Conn.

**INSURANCE RATES.**

Newport News Not Accepted Despite Additional Facilities of Department.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 7.—It is announced that the additional twenty-five per cent. fire insurance rates go into effect here forthwith, in spite of the local made against the increase by the local agents, who demanded an exception in the case of Newport News on account of the additional fire facilities installed here.

Everett Bierer, of Wichita, Kansas, has been discovered as the owner of a handsome mirror that has hung in the commandant's room at Fort Monroe since the war, and its ownership a mystery. It was taken during the war and brought to Fort Monroe. To-day it was shipped to its owner.

**VIRGINIA DELEGATIONS.**

One Each From Alexandria and Charlottesville Vote Committee on Public Buildings.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—There were two Virginia delegations before the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to-day—one from Charlottesville and one from Alexandria.

The Charlottesville delegation, which was introduced by Representative Hart, consisted of Dr. Paul B. Barringer, Judge R. T. Duke, Judge J. M. White, C. W. Allen, Mayor of Charlottesville, and Captain Peyton and Messrs. Maphis, Hultish, Goodwin and Walker.

The speakers dwelt upon the necessity of better quarters for the postoffice and the courts, and described the cramped condition of the occupied at present by the Government officials. An appropriation of \$100,000 is asked.

Representative Rix had charge of the Alexandria delegation. This committee consisted of George L. Simpson, Mayor M. B. Harlow, president of the Business Men's Association; Park Agnew, collector of the internal revenue; Joseph L. Crupper, postmaster; Marshall L. King, collector of customs, and A. J. Wedderburn, of the Alexandria Times.

They complain of the over-crammed and congested condition of affairs in the new building, and also of the unsanitary condition that prevails. They refer to the report of the inspector sent to Alexandria by the supervising architect of the treasury, who refused to recommend certain repairs to the present building because, in his opinion, any more money spent on it would be thrown away. The Government owns the site on which the present building stands, and Alexandria asks \$200,000 for a new building in the same place.

**FIRE IN FREDERICKSBURG.**

Machine Works Destroyed, Causing Loss of \$25,000—Catamount Causes Terror.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 7.—The W. D. Williams Foundry and Machine Works in this city, together with the residence near by, which was occupied by the manager, A. G. Billingsley, were entirely destroyed by fire this afternoon. Mr. Williams estimates his loss at \$25,000. Insurance, \$20,000.

There was no insurance on the furniture owned by Mr. Billingsley. A steady breeze was blowing, and the fire department was unable to check the flames.

Mr. Charles Wheeler died to-day from the effects of a recent stroke of paralysis. He was a brother of Mr. E. K. Wheeler, of this city, and of Mrs. Mary Amis, wife of Lieutenant T. B. Amis, of the police force of Washington. A widow, four sons and three daughters survive him.

A catamount has appeared in the woods of Stafford, and chased two woodchoppers. There is much excitement, and the women and children are afraid to venture far from the houses.

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**TERRIFIC WRECK ON THE SOUTHERN**

Stock Cars Go Into the Rapidan River Loaded With Cattle.

ENGINE CROSSES ON THE TIES

A Double-Header Train on the Baltimore & Ohio Thrown by a Broken Rail and Blocked.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CULPEPER, Va., March 7.—A very costly wreck occurred on the Southern Railway in this county, on the high bridge that spans the Rapidan River. On a near approach to the bridge the tender flew the track, nearly toppling the engine over, which now left the rails and went across the bridge on the cross-ties.

Engine and tender then broke away from the cars, some of which being caught into the water, killing and injuring a large number of the stock.

**TRAFFIC BLOCKED.**

In consequence of the terrible wreck of both stock and cars, all through passenger travel and freight trains were blocked at that point, and the same has to be transferred from one side of the river to the other. The Southern Railway wrecking train passed through here this afternoon from Washington bound for the ghostly scene of the wreck.

**Double-Header Off the Track.**

WINCHESTER, Va., March 7.—After employing a large force of hands to clean the big snow drifts from the tracks and cuts, the Baltimore and Ohio Railway was crippled again to-day when mixed train No. 10, going east, ran over a broken rail in Myer's Cut, two miles northeast of town.

The train, which was a double-header, jumped the track, and the engines were thrown almost on one side. No one was injured.

The wreck, which occurred at 1 o'clock this morning, delayed all traffic twelve hours.

**NO INQUEST HELD.**

Samuel Fones Was Reported to Have Killed Himself.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 7.—Samuel Fones, an employee of the city gas works, died at his home on Queen Street at 6 o'clock this morning under rather peculiar circumstances. It had been reported to the police that Mr. Fones had committed suicide. Coroner Purvis was summoned, but could find no trace of poisoning, and an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

It is reported that he took a large dose of morphine last evening and that he had injured his head in a fall. About 3 o'clock this morning Mrs. Fones heard a noise down-stairs, and upon going down found her husband bordering on a state of convulsions, which subsequently followed. The unfortunate man died before medical aid could be summoned. Mr. Fones was about thirty-five years of age and is survived by a widow and four children.

**WINSTON-SALEM DAY.**

A Conference Between Chambers of Commerce of These Cities.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 7.—Winston-Salem day at the Charleston Exposition will be Friday, April 11th, instead of Tuesday, April 8th. The change was necessitated by the inability to secure reduced railroad rates for the day first selected.

The principal feature of Winston-Salem day will be a conference between the Chambers of Commerce of this city and Charleston upon important matters.

Mayor O. B. Eaton has been selected to respond to the address of welcome from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, and Messrs. E. B. Jones and W. Blair and a citizen of Vadesboro, to be selected, will speak in the interests of the Winston-Vadesboro Railroad.

**GENERAL GREENE'S BODY.**

Colonel Gardiner Shows Spirit That Moved Rhode Island Society.

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 7.—R. T. Walker, whose wife is one of the direct descendants of General Nathaniel Greene, has received a letter from Colonel Asa Bird Gardiner, of New York, suggesting that the remains of General Greene, now resting in a bank vault in this city, should be re-interred in Rhode Island. Mr. Walker has replied that Colonel Gardiner heretofore has held that the remains should rest where the descendants of General Greene wished them to, and that the majority of the descendants had given their written preference for Savannah as the place of re-interment.

Colonel Gardiner asserted that the Society of Cincinnati of Rhode Island would consider a request to find General Greene's remains. Mr. Walker replied that while in Savannah Colonel Gardiner said that the money used was the interest on a fund left by General Greene himself, and that he was really paying for searching for his own body.

Mr. Walker holds that Mr. Gardiner stated that the Rhode Island Society was moved purely through patriotic motives in the search, and he is surprised now that Colonel Gardiner should begin to talk about expenses.

Dr. E. H. Lewis, a well known dentist of Danville, will remove to Newport News, where he has rented the handsome residence which has just been completed by Mr. V. C. Booth, of Annapolis, and will continue his practice there.

**ICE PANTS UMBELINE.**

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DANVILLE, Va., March 7.—The Crystal Ice and Power Company bought out the Danville Ice Company, both of which were owned by the Danville Ice and Power Company, which is controlled by local capitalists, and the Danville Ice Company by New York people. Mr. J. B. Wood being manager.

The announcement of this transaction awakens considerable interest in the city.

**FOUND DEAD IN BED.**

(By Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 7.—H. C. Cable, a merchant, member of the firm of Cooley & Cable, No. 191 Duane Street, New York, was found dead in his bed in a room at No. 12 Harris Street, East, this morning. Mr. Cable was about fifty-five years of age and was a man of wealth.

**OUT CALLING CLUB MEETING.**

A general meeting of the members of the Monticello Club will be held to-night at the speaking of the new members to the Board of Governors.

The club will tender its members a smoker and musicale next Saturday night.

**SENATOR DANIEL ON GOOD ROADS**

Makes a Fine Address Before Convention at Lynchburg.

GEO. E. MURRELL, PRESIDENT

The Plan Provides for Vice-Presidents From Each County to Be Elected by the County Organizations—Headquarters in Lynchburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 7.—At the second day's session of the Good Roads Convention Dr. Dulaney was made permanent chairman, and Colonel J. W. Watts and Daniel were the press secretaries.

The first speaker was Mr. M. M. Hays, of Boston, Mass., who discussed "The Relation of Good Roads to the Development of the South." His remarks were very pleasant and timely remarks by Captain Blackford, Senator John W. Daniel was introduced by the chairman.

Dr. Dulaney never looked in better health, and it was evident at a glance that he was feeling strong and well. He spoke with his accustomed eloquence and vigor, and made a fine impression.

**TRAIL OF THE SOUTHERN.**

A brief outline of his address is as follows:

"When I see these faces I realize the truth that this new movement for good roads is no falling in, it is predestined and predetermined for success, steady and continuous. Fifty years ago, and I remember the day, I stood in the narrow street above the old stone wall which had gone so far as to see Richmond was a returned adventurer."

"I have lived to get on a train here and go across the continent to San Francisco in a sleeping-car, and a boy who was born in this world was not as much as it once was to have seen an engine or a rail-way. We are not millionaires who have come here to-day to drop the bomb for thousands in a contribution box, not all engineers to show cross sections of roads and explain them, but each one of us is deeply interested in the subject matter which has called us together."

The ideas must precede the realistic in the experiences of mankind.

"Good roads are the wings on which animated man flies from one place to another and fulfills his destiny."

**UNIVERSITY ON WHEELS.**

"We have a university on wheels amongst us, and it has brought its professors and university paraphernalia along with it. Through its professors it gives us the precepts; by its paraphernalia it affords us the greater sermon of example. It could have come to no better country to have received the improved ideas it brings along with it. Its main thesis, a good road, is the most democratic of all institutions on the earth, for it is built for everybody, high and low, rich and poor, Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopalian, Universalist, Unitarian and Democrat, white and colored, saint and sinner; everybody—man, woman and child."

"Now this chapter of railroad construction is developing itself by evolution into a new chapter and order of things. This is the early dawn and spring time of a new era in which the railroad and road are going to develop a new principle. You have seen here in Lynchburg, as in miniature, what is going on in many States and cities of the Union. The trolley line, child of the railroad, is now diffusing the population of the centers into the fresh air of the suburbs. The good road is going to make many beautiful settlements around the big cities."

**GOOD COUNTRY.**

"No country on earth is better adapted for good roads than this one, and no country where a bad road is more inexcusable than this one. This is as good a country as lies under the sun or heaven. Mountains, valleys, streams and woodlands, in a prodigality of landscape beauty of which you know not how beautiful it is unless you have traveled in other countries. Its soil improves, its mountains will grow anything; what it wants is the educator and the good roads train is the best teacher which has come along to keep alive the thoughts in our hearts for development. We can beat Rome in Lynchburg and have got some good roads here, and we have got from seventy to seven hundred. When you build a road here you have got to build a modern American road, the old Roman and Greek in one, with the best that ever came from anywhere else."

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The plan for the organization of a Good Roads Association, reported by the committee, was unanimously adopted.

The association will be composed of the citizens of Campbell, Amherst, Appomattox, Charlotte, Bedford, Botetourt, Roanoke, Rockbridge and Craig counties and the cities of Lynchburg and Roanoke.

The name of this association will be the Midland James River Valley Good Roads Association, with headquarters in the city of Lynchburg.

These rules may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the association by a majority of the members thereof.

The committee recommended Mr. George E. Murrell, of Bedford county, for president; Mr. C. L. DeLoft, of Lynchburg, for secretary; and Mr. A. E. Hall, of Roanoke county, for treasurer, and recommends that the counties and cities represented name their respective vice-presidents.

After the adoption of the usual resolution of thanks, including an endorsement of Governor Montague's views on good roads, the convention adjourned sine die.

**THE GOOD OF TELEPHONES.**

A Horse Thief Has a Poor Show of Getting Away.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HARRISONBURG, Va., March 7.—The valuable black stallion of Harvey Scott, of Port Republic, twelve miles east of here, was stolen from his stable last night. At 8 o'clock this morning the case was reported to Deputy Sheriffs Switzer and Adams, and in half an hour, by means of the extensive phone system of Rockingham county, they had traced the stallion to Mt. Carford, eight miles south of this place.

In another half an hour John Blakey alias Wise (colored) was arrested as the thief and brought here to jail.

**FREDERICKSBURG NEWS.**

Two Swords to Be Presented to Confederate Museum Here.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 7.—Captain A. Sommerville Garnett, of Essex county, who is here on route to Richmond, where he will become an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, had in his possession two swords which are valuable relics. One was used by General Carter, of Revolutionary fame, an uncle of Captain Garnett's brother, General R. S. Garnett, who was killed during the Civil War. They will be placed in the Confederate Museum in Richmond.

Mr. Charles Lee Black and Miss Lucy Catherine Ritter, both of this city, were married here last night by Rev. Dr. J. S. Smith, at the latter's residence.

Judge John T. Goofrick has announced himself a candidate for the mayoralty of this city. Mayor M. G. Willis, the incumbent, is also a candidate for reelection.

Mr. W. P. Blaydes, formerly of Caroline county, but recently engaged in contract work in the District of Columbia, will leave in a few days for England, where he will engage in the railroad contract business. He also has contracts in France.

Mr. Thomas G. Fines has purchased of Mr. A. Blotson the latter's large tract of land on the Rapidan River in Stafford county. The announcement has been made here of the engagement of Miss Reba Key Mitchell, of Baltimore, a niece of Mr. W. Key Howard, of this city, where she has frequently visited, to Mr. H. Hillyer, of Boston, who is a cousin to Judge Hillyer, of "Fall Hill," near this city. The wedding will take place in June.

Dr. W. B. Gordon, of this city, has sold the new residence and a portion of his "Cool Spring" farm, on Stafford Heights, to Mr. John M. Ashby, of Stafford, who, with his family, will reside there.

**YOUNG MAN'S SUICIDE.**

Kills Himself by Blowing Off Top of His Head With Shot Gun.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WYTHEVILLE, Va., March 7.—Mr. W. H. Burch, of this place, has just received a telegram from Blue Ridge Springs, informing him of the intelligence that his son, Wm. F. Burch, who was employed by the Virginia Iron and Coke Company, had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. No cause for the deed is known.

The young man has been in a deplorable state of mind for some time back. He was just twenty-one years of age, stood high in his home community and enjoyed the fullest confidence of his employers, being book-keeper and manager of the commissary.

His mother died a few years ago. He leaves a father, four brothers and one sister.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, Va., March 7.—Young W. F. Burch killed himself near Blue Ridge this morning by blowing off half of his head with a double barrel shotgun.

Mr. Dessau Improving.